



CITY OF SENDAI
JAPAN

May 30, 2011

Honorable Mayor Ronald Loveridge
Mayor, City of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522
U.S.A

Dear Mayor Loveridge,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you and the Riverside delegation members for coming to Sendai to encourage those who suffered from the earthquake and tsunami on March 11. I also thank you for providing great assistance to Sendai.

I was personally touched by your immediate actions to show your support to Sendai by establishing the Sendai Relief Fund after the earthquake and tsunami. I was grateful to hear that you were also deeply involved in various charity events held in Riverside. Furthermore, I was surprised and delighted to receive \$100,000 from the City of Riverside and a total amount of \$500,000 of monetary donations. I truly can not thank all of the citizens of Riverside enough for donating money to those affected in Sendai.

In addition, I was very moved by the fact that many school children saved their lunch money to donate to their friends in Sendai who suffered from this horrible disaster. The messages from the children you brought were sent to public schools in Sendai by the Sendai Board of Education and we kept some of them to display at the lobby of Sendai City Hall. We will most certainly publicize the tremendous efforts that the Riverside citizens have made to support us.

The fund will be used by the Sendai Social Welfare Council to help restore the devastated areas in Sendai. Since the devastation to the land and the lives of those affected is extensive, we have a long way to recover. However, your support and warm words and thoughts from Riverside will give us the power to move forward to a brighter future.

I humbly ask you and your citizens to watch and pray for our restoration.

Sincerely,

奥山恵美子

Emiko Okuyama
Mayor
City of Sendai